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DATE RECEIVED: OCTOBER 09, 1990

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: DR. GEORGE M. MADANAT

SUBJECT: SEEKS APPROVAL FOR SOCIETY MEMBERS TO VISIT IRAQ AND KUWAIT IN ORDER TO ASSESS THE MEDICAL AND PSYCHOLOGIC NEEDS OF THE AMERICANS BEING HELD

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FOR: Mr. William F. Sittmann
Executive Secretary
National Security Council Staff
The White House

REFERENCE:

To: John Sununu

From: Dr. George M. Madsen

Date: 10/04/90

Subject: Seeks approval for society members to visit Iraq and
and Kuwait in order to assess the Medical and Psychologic
needs of the Americans being held

WH Referral Dated: October 17, 1990

NSCS ID# (if any): 180837

The attached item was sent directly to the
Department of State.

ACTION TAKEN:

A draft reply is attached.

A draft reply will be forwarded.

A translation is attached.

An information copy of a direct reply is attached.

X We believe no response is necessary for the reason
cited below.

The Department of State has no objection to the
proposed travel.

Other (see remarks).

REMARKS: On account of the daily events of the Gulf war, we
believe no response could be given.

Director
Secretariat Staff
THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

REFERRAL

OCTOBER 17, 1990

TO: DEPARTMENT OF STATE

ACTION REQUESTED:
DIRECT REPLY, FURNISH INFO COPY

DESCRIPTION OF INCOMING:

ID: 180837

MEDIA: LETTER, DATED OCTOBER 4, 1990

TO: JOHN SUNUNU

FROM: DR. GEORGE M. MADANAT
CHAIRMAN
THE MEDICAL SOCIETY OF ARAB-
AMERICANS
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SUBJECT: SEEKS APPROVAL FOR SOCIETY MEMBERS TO VISIT IRAQ AND KUWAIT IN ORDER TO ASSESS THE MEDICAL AND PSYCHOLOGIC NEEDS OF THE AMERICANS BEING HELD

PROMPT ACTION IS ESSENTIAL -- IF REQUIRED ACTION HAS NOT BEEN TAKEN WITHIN 9 WORKING DAYS OF RECEIPT, PLEASE TELEPHONE THE UNDERSIGNED AT 456-7486.

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AGENCY LIAISON, ROOM 91, THE WHITE HOUSE, 20500

SALLY KELLEY,
DIRECTOR OF AGENCY LIAISON
PRESIDENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE
October 4th, 1990

The Honorable John Sununu,
Chief of Staff,
The White House,
Washington D.C., 20500

Dear Mr. Sununu,

The Medical Society of Arab Americans in its endeavor to address Medical and Humanitarian questions here at home and the Arab World, has been instrumental in trying to gap the differences between those who are dealing with these issues especially in a hostile environment such as that long existed in the Middle East. Since the Institute for Social and Economic Policy in the Middle East at Harvard had initiated programs dealing with such issues, our Organization carried out a successful medical and humanitarian conference, in conjunction with the Institute, in Amman and Jerusalem March, 1989. The cooperation of adversaries such as the Jordanian Authorities, the Israeli Authorities and the Palestinian Medical Association to make our mission successful, was unprecedented.

The recent Gulf crises created among us deep concern about medical and humanitarian problems that could arise in the aftermath. At our last Board Meeting Sept. 28th, 1990, an overwhelming support was expressed in favor of contacting the office of the President to see if we can get approval to visit Iraq and Kuwait, so as to get first hand look at the medical and psychologic needs of the Americans held there. Meanwhile, assessing the needs of the children, the
sick and the elderly of the Arabic population in the area.

If our Government feels that this is a worthy cause, our Society is ready to formulate a highly skilled medical team and support group to carry on this important mission as soon as possible.

On behalf of our Board I wish the President and You all the best.

Respectfully yours,

[Signature]

George M. Madanat, MD. FAAP.
Chairman.

MEDICAL SOCIETY OF ARAB AMERICANS

Report on 1989 Conference

In Middle East———